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NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7 APRIL 2015 SOCIALIZE AT 11 am, MEETING STARTS AT 11:45 AM AT TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. Please remember to RSVP for the Luncheon to Paul Turner 303-366-6770, cost is \$12.00. LUNCHEONS ARE NOW EVERY MONTH. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: [HTTP://WWW.OSOMG.ORG](http://www.osomg.org)

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FEBRUARY 3rd MINUTES

DO Neary opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America and Joe did the Invocation.

Newcomer is Larry Subervi retired from the 140 AGS.

Joe Broom briefed us on the NAUS statistics that the U.S. Armed Forces has served over 100 countries and is rapidly downsizing the Navy to the smallest force since 1916, smallest Army since 1941, the USAF has some of the oldest aircraft ever built in the inventory, and the USMC is the smallest since WWII.

Agent Orange claims are now being processed for veterans of Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and those serving off the coast of these countries with 100% disability. Contact the VA for more information.

Taps- COL Jack Wilhite passed away on January 26th and there will be a memorial at Rocky Mountain Airport, Johnson Hangar 36F, February 8th at Noon. Possible F-16 flyby (See article on page 4-5).

And Taps for Vee Reed.

The COANG Flying operation is currently deployed for several months to Korea.

Birthdays present- Joe Broom. Next Meeting is March 3, 2015.

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MARCH 3rd MINUTES

DO Neary opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Joe Broom did the Invocation.

Curt Squire and Larry Mathay were first timers.

Joyce briefed us about the meet and greet in Washington D.C. of EANGUS with Congressman Coffman. They talked about Guardsman with less than 180 days in a war zone having Veteran's status. Also, allowing Air National Guardsman on Active Duty less than one year to be eligible for Air Force Tuition aid instead of needing more than a year to qualify. You can now "Tweet" Congress with any of your concerns. She will return in July again to work with Congress. The NACO conference is still scheduled for the end of April in Estes Park, Colorado.

There is a Memorial Day Celebration at Heather Gardens with a Free Luncheon for all Veterans on Memorial Day. Dan Gay has more information

Bob Beabout briefed us about a 1968 celebration at the Colorado History Museum from February 7 through May 10. The Colorado Guard is being honored for all Veterans, FREE, on the evening of March 19(See his article on page 6).

Ed McClanahan has a new address and would like to hear from any of his comrades.

Sick Call: Ed McClanahan, Spike Boyle, Sue Schultz, John France, Harold Zimmerman, and Dan Kroupa. Taps: John Morris.

Next month we will have Burritos and Chili hosted by Golden Sherman.

Jan briefed us about Sunday Socials on UTAs of 8 March, 12 April, and 3 May to meet with spouses of deployed airmen.

There will be a Memorial Service at the Colorado Memorial on May 3.

CMSgt Tom Bragg is retiring after 33 years from the TXANG.

Julian Clay's final flight will be from 1230-1545 on Thursday, March 5th. There will be a retirement ceremony on March 7th at 1500 at Bldg 700.

We will be having another Pig Roast on 10 and 11 July 2015 for all COANG members and retirees at the TREA 39 building. Jay Gates is the POC.

Birthdays- Sonja Broom present.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 7th at the TREA 39 facility.

FEBRUARY 2015 ATTENDANCE *1ST TIMER

Reed Lutz	Frank Mullins
Sy Harjes	Michael Rowan
Jan Love	Michelle Rowan
DO Neary	Bill Miller
Ken Love	Pat McCabe
Tony Burczyk	Larry Mayo
Jerry Smith	Golden Sherman
*Larry Subervi	
Bill Frazier	
Paul Turner	
Linda Turner	
Dale Bristol	
Sonja Broom	
Joe Broom	
Mike Schnurstein	
Susan Schnurstein	
Jack Darveau	
Judy Pock	
Don Pipkin	

DATE BOOK 2015**April 2015**

5th- Easter Sunday

7th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

May 2015

5th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

10th- Mother's Day

25th- Memorial day

June 2015

2nd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

21st- Father's Day

July 2015

4th- Independence Day

7th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

August 2015

4th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

5TH- Vietnam War Officially Began in 1964

September 2015

1st- Labor Day

8th- USAF BIRTHDAY(1947)

8th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Sick Call



Wayland (Spike) Boyle Stan Wood Sue Schultz
Maxine Merten John France Dan Kroupa
Ed McClenahan Harold Zimmerman

Taps



John Morris
Vee Reed

MARCH 2015 ATTENDANCE 1st Timer*

Kenneth Forrest
Frank Mullins
Dewey Hicks
Tony Burczyk
*Curt Squire
Sy Harjes
Jan Love
DO Neary
Joe Broom
Sonja Broom
Paul Turner
Linda Turner
Bill Frazier
Mike Schnurstein
Susan Schnurstein
*Larry Mathay
Bob Beabout

Judy Pock
Michael Rowan
Michelle Rowan
Joyce Saitta
Golden Sherman

APRIL 7TH LUNCHEON

The APRIL meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The meal is Burritos and Chili and costs \$12.00 per person. No dessert will be served. Bring a dessert to share for the group.

RSVP with your check or cash at the meeting OR mail your check made payable to "OSOTMG" and send it to Paul Turner, 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

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LINDA BADEN
CHUCK BAUM
GARY BOHN
PHYLLIS BROOKS
JOE BROOM
DOROTHY BRUENING
LORENE CABALLER
JANE CARDENAS
IZZIE DE LA ROSA
KARMA FIELDS
LISA FRANZEN
JAY GATES
DOROTHY GOTTENBERG
BONNIE HEINZ
GLORIA HICKS
CELESTE LAUFERT
DEVERNE LEHMAN
BARBARA LEIGH
DENISE LINN
DONNA LUCERO
VERN MARSHALL
ARVEY MASON
RUTH MATHIAS
MARY MCCLANAHAN

SALLY MCFARLAND
JEFFREY MILLER
NEYSA NEARY
JIM PATSEY
DIANNE SANFORD
JEANNE SCHJODT
GORDON TERROUS
FRED WADE
MASON WHITNEY

Birthdays



GREGG ADLER
RON AGUINEGA
ANDY ANDREWS
SHANNON BLASUS
SONJA BROOM
MONA BURKETT
JERRY CABLE
JEAN CARDINAL
MARLENE CHATMAN
KARYN CLARK
RUSS CRAMER
PHIL ECKLUND
MIKE EDWARDS
MIKE HAINES
SOMCHIT HALES
MARY ANN HANSON
KENT KAMLA
MARCIA KROUPA
GREG KRSYZAK
CHERYL LUTZ
THERESA MCNELLEY
GORDON MITCHELL
ELLEN MOORE
ROBERT MUELLER
MIKE PARADISE
DICK PARKOS

MARCH 2015

DAVID PAUL SANCEZ
BOB SANDER
CECILIA SANFORD
JEFF SCHJODT
SUE SCHULTZ
BILL SEILER
KATHY SIMPSON
SUSAN SMITH
LARRY SUBERVI
DIANA THEBADO
BRENDA TIPTON
MIKE VALIANT
CHARLENE WADE
CLIFF WAGNER
MIRIAM WHITNEY

COL JACK WILHITE FLYS WEST JANUARY 26, 2015



Col. Jack Wilhite passed away the night of January 26th at the age of 86. We are saddened at the loss of a true American hero who served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the first Gulf War. Super Sabre Society member and Colorado ANG legend, Jack Wilhite flew West and last we knew and he was still flying his Mig 17. He attended our last event of the Super Sabre Society at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C..

Jack Elliott Wilhite CAHS Honored in 2004 (Colorado Aviation Historical Society)

Col. Jack Elliott Wilhite was born in Deep River, Iowa on August 18, 1928. His first flight was at the age of ten in a Ford Tri-Motor, followed shortly by a ride in a Stearman. He began a 32-year flying career in WWII when he was selected for an Army Air Corp specialized training program. The A-Bomb reduced the need for pilots and he spent a year in an anti-aircraft artillery unit. In 1950 Jack began flying fighters in the Air Force and he ultimately accrued over 41,000 flying hours - 5000 hours in military jet fighters.

In 1947 Jack was hired by the FBI serving under J. Edgar Hoover in Washington D.C. and Phoenix. The Korean War gave him the opportunity to pursue his love of flight. Jack did his basic flight training in Greenville, MS in a T-6 Texan. He was named outstanding cadet in Class 53-A and subsequently assigned to advanced flight training in Laredo AFB, Texas - to train in the T-28 and T-33. He then went to Moody AFB in Georgia for jet instrument instructor school and was transferred to Tyndall AFB in Florida for fighter gunnery training in the P-80. From Tyndall AFB, Jack was sent to Europe and flew the F-84 and the F-86 Sabre for three years over Europe, Africa, and England. He also had a short tour with the RAF which provided him flying time in the Tiger Moth, Vampire and Meteor aircraft.(continued on page 5)

(continued from page 4) Shortly after the Korean War ended, Jack returned to Colorado and re-entered the Law School at the University of Denver. He joined the Colorado Air National Guard 140th Fighter Wing in 1956. Jack flew the F-80 and the F-86L aircraft with the 197th FIS Squadron in Wyoming where he met and flew with Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame member Carl Williams. In 1959 Jack moved to the 120th Fighter Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard based in Colorado. Jack flew every deployment the unit was assigned to, including Alaska, Puerto Rico, Turkey, and Panama. He volunteered to join his squadron for a year in Vietnam where he was decorated with two Distinguished Flying Crosses, thirteen Air Medals and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. These are in addition to twenty-one other awards and decorations. He is a member of the Caterpillar Club, signifying a life-saving ejection from an F-100.

Jack's love for Colorado was evident when he designed and promoted the Colorado State flag on the tails and canopies of the aircraft he and others flew for the Colorado Air National Guard. While in the Colorado Air National Guard, Jack climbed the ranks to Flight Commander, Chief of Command and Control and State Director of Operations for Air. In 1961 Jack was called to active duty during the Berlin crisis and was deployed to several bases to provide support for Army and Air Force joint training exercises.

In addition to his Air National Guard duties, Jack was hired by United Airlines in 1956. He flew the Convair 240, DC-6, DC-7, DC-8, and DC-10. Jack retired from United Airlines as a Captain in 1988, capping a 32-year career with the carrier.

Jack presided as President of the Colorado Aviation Historical Society for six years. During his tenure he rescued a 25' X 15' tile mosaic The Progress of Flight from the Stapleton Airport terminal when it closed in 1995. The mosaic was scheduled to be demolished, but Jack's efforts and perseverance led to the acquisition of the historic artwork which was donated to the Colorado Aviation Historical Society. Jack served with the Colorado Aviation Historical Society as a Board Member, Vice President, President, Chairman of the Board, and Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet Chairman. He was instrumental in the opening of the Colorado Heritage Hall which honors Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame Laureates.

Jack has served as a reserve (non-paid) officer for the Jefferson County (Colorado) Sheriff's Department for over 35 years and served the County and State as an officer and pilot, transporting prisoners, drug enforcement operations and aerial crime scene photo missions. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal a Huey helicopter rescue of a Boy Scout Troup and other citizens from a raging forest fire.

After having owned a Cessna 170 and Mooney Mite, in 1997, through Red Storm Airshows, Jack began performing airshow aerobatics in a rare MiG-17 fighter jet. In addition to airshows, Jack dedicates his time to educating the general public, especially children, about aviation history. He and his wife Bea, President of the Colorado Aviation Historical Society, have raised over \$400,000 for charities through ride donations in the MiG-17 and his Steen Skybolt.

Jack Wilhite's childhood wonder and awe of aviation continues to engage aviation enthusiasts of all ages. Jack clearly represents the very best of Colorado Aviation.

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AN ARTICLE BY ROBERT G. BEABOUT, LTC, COANG, RETIRED CELEBRATING 1968 AT THE COLORADO HISTORY MUSEUM THRU MAY 10.

January 26th, 1968, over 900 Colorado Air National Guard members were called to active duty in the U.S. Air Force. This was in reaction to the capture of the USS Pueblo by North Korea. The Tet Offensive commenced about the same time in Vietnam.

One hundred forty of the guardsmen were deployed to Korea, 376 were deployed to Phan Rang, Vietnam, and the remainder were deployed to various Air Force facilities worldwide. The 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron, with twenty F-100 jet fighters, was moved from Buckley to Phan Rang, Vietnam. I was a fighter pilot with the 120th.

During the eleven-month tour in Vietnam the 120th showed outstanding performance. Our airmen were highly experienced and set new standards. The aircraft operational rates and ordinance reliability rates were above Air Force standards by over 10 percent. The 120th flew over 5,000 combat sorties. Two Silver Stars, twenty-six Distinguished Flying Crosses, and five Purple Hearts, plus numerous Air Medals were awarded. I flew 239 of the combat missions.

Of course a combat zone is never rosy. The base came under attack seventeen times during our stay. One airplane was destroyed during a ground attack and two were shot down.

Two crewman were lost. During one six-month period we recorded twenty-six hits on one aircraft. The only hit I took was friendly fire. Things can get mixed up under fire!!!

The Colorado Air National Guard was deactivated on April 30, 1969, and returned to Governor Love's command authority.

The 120th was established in 1923. It was the first flying unit in our nation's National Guards. Over the next 91 years it continues to produce outstanding performance and act as the cornerstone for the other units composing the Colorado Air National Guard.